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SECOND EDITION OF CABARRUS COUNTY SCHOOL SONG BOOK IS NOW READY.

The Chronicle office has just finished printing two thousand song books for the use of the schools of the County, and these are now on sale at White Morrison Flowe Co. The book contains eighty two songs consisting of sacred, sentimental and patriotic. It has good cloth bindings and is sold at the remarkably low price of 5 cents.

The book is gotten out by the school board for the purpose of encouraging the singing feature in our schools, and every child in the county should be provided with one.

Cliffside Mills Gets Indigo.

Shelby, Jan. 20.—The Cliffside Cotton mills at Cliffside, received a car load of indigo from New York city a few days ago. While the shortage in dyestuffs has caused many mills over the country considerable trouble, the Cliffside mill has managed to get what it needed. This indigo will be used in the manufacture of ginghams.

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Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, in the United States Senate has denounced Great Britain's holding up of neutral commerce, especially cotton to Germany and proposed an embargo on munitions and foodstuffs to Great Britain.

Senator John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, in reply said that until the issue of "murdered American women and children on the high-seas" was settled, he would not nag the President or attempt to force settlement for momentary loss of property until after the war had ceased. Senators Vardaman and Borah endorsed Senator Smith's position.

Mark Twain's First Poem.
George A. Mahan, of Hannibal, Mo., has discovered the first article which Mark Twain ever wrote. It was this poem:

"Cross by name and Cross by nature,
Cross jumped over an Irish pertater."
It was scribbled on the school blackboard by John Briggs, a pal of Twain. The teacher's name was Cross, so Briggs got a whipping, which caused Mark Twain to remark that "this proved the poem to be true."

By the way, we see that Mark is now coming into his own. They are buying the house where he lived in Missouri, and are going to set it aside for high seeing people with the price. Funny about folk going wild over some old shed just because a great man was born in it.

Acid Tank Explodes at Hopewell.
Hopewell, Va., Jan. 20.—A 150 gallon acid tank fell and exploded in the duPont Powder company's plant here early today, resulting in a \$100,000 property loss and the injury of a workman who was burned by the acid. The accident was caused by the supports on which the tank stood giving way. Windows and doors were blown from many of the buildings nearby.

ANTI-TYPHOID TREATMENT IS IN DEMAND

(Bulletin North Carolina State Board of Health.)

Cabarrus county yesterday made application to the state board of health for the campaign of anti-typhoid treatment, which the board is offering this year to as many as ten counties. Cabarrus is the first county to ask for this unit of co-operative state and county health work, and if the board's proposition is accepted, work will begin in that county about April 1st.

The board made public today its plan to co-operate with not over ten counties this summer in conducting anti-typhoid campaigns similar to those conducted last year, and will accept the first ten counties complying with the board's terms. According to the board's own statement, for the sum of \$400 to \$600 raised by the county, the board will engage and pay the expenses of the physician having in charge the work, will do all the advertising necessary to get the largest number of people vaccinated, will furnish all vaccine, antiseptics, etc., and will spend five weeks in the counties holding dispensaries at from ten to eighteen points to be selected by the county board of health. Furthermore, the board promises many improvements over last year's experience.

This feature of state and county health work conducted in twelve counties last year, resulted in an average of 4,500 people in each county taking the anti-typhoid vaccination. In one county 40 per cent of the entire population was vaccinated.

Blood Transfusion for Gas Asphyxiation is Successful.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Blood transfusion in cases of gas asphyxiation was pronounced a success tonight.

Dr. Karl A. Meyer, who made the experiment on Gustav Mussell three days ago, stated tonight that the patient was out of danger, and would be able to return to his home in a few days. Mussell was the point of death when brought to Dr. Meyer at the county hospital for treatment formerly in vogue, could not have prolonged his life more than an hour, it was declared.

Bad Floods in Arizona; Several Persons Drowned.

Hayden, Ariz., Jan. 20.—Flood conditions, produced by recent heavy rains were declared tonight to be the worst in the history of the state.

Four persons drowned today when the Gila river overflowed the lower portion of Winkleman, Ariz., according to advices received here. Seven are reported as missing. Fifteen others, marooned on an island formed by the flood waters around Winkleman had not been rescued tonight.

Rescue parties throughout the day in this section removed persons from trees.

Mr. Henry Mabrey Dead.

Mr. Henry Mabrey died Tuesday morning at Morganton, Mr. Mabrey was a native of Stanley county and is survived by his wife and several children, who live at Kannapolis. He is also survived by four brothers, Messrs. Frank, Marshall, William and Richard Mabrey, and five sisters, Messdames, Frank Miller, Jason Fisher, Potor Fox and Misses Mary and Rosa. The remains were laid to rest at Oak Wood cemetery here Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Mund Dead.

Mr. F. E. Mund, after a lingering illness, passed away at his home on Bell avenue at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. He is survived by his wife and one son, and daughter, Miss Rosa and Mr. Frank Mund, both of this city.

The funeral will be conducted from the house this afternoon at four o'clock, by Rev. T. W. Smith, assisted by Rev. Harold Beatty. The community feels deeply the loss of such a valuable citizen.

Slump in Egyptian Cotton.

London, Jan. 20.—Today's heavy slump in Egyptian cotton in the Liverpool market is understood to be due to liquidation of heavy stocks accumulated at Alexandria in anticipation of the allies being able to force the Dardanelles, in which case the cotton was intended to be used to supply the Russian market.

Austria and Montenegro Resume Conflict.

Rome, via London, Jan. 30.—Fighting between Austria and Montenegro has been resumed. Montenegro notified Italy officially of this fact today.

GENERAL VILLA HAS NOT BEEN CAPTURED

Report of Last Night Denied Today by Carranza Authorities.

El Paso, ex., Jan. 21.—Persistent reports that Francisco Villa had been captured were denied early today by the Carranza authorities at Chihuahua City. The report came to the border in a private telegram from what was believed to be a reliable source and was given credit generally.

Washington Uninformed.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The State Department's only information early today on the reported capture of General Villa was in delayed dispatches from agents, at El Paso, conveying the last night's unofficial report that he was a prisoner.

Another dispatch reported was received from Chihuahua that 18 bandits, alleged to have been among those who killed the Americans at Santa Ysabel, had been brought there and would be executed today.

OUR HONOR ROLL.

The following have paid their subscriptions:

W. N. Suther, J. W. Hargett, J. T. Ford, Gator, W. G. Allison, J. C. Honeycutt, R. W. Query, R. E. Barr, D. C. Linker, E. F. White, W. Rose, C. D. Whitley, F. W. Goss, H. W. Wise, C. L. Sims, W. H. Horton, H. L. Lowder, R. L. Shaver, J. W. Chancey, G. T. Almond, D. B. Harwood, M. L. Rogers, Silas Burris, J. R. Forrest, J. L. Bostain, L. T. Wentz, L. D. Honeycutt, H. W. Harkey, H. A. Honeycutt, W. W. Davis, D. M. McCombs, J. G. Thompson, A. M. Boger, J. W. Dayvauld, M. L. Morton, J. W. Harris, J. C. Arey, J. C. Dayvauld, L. P. Blackwelder, J. E. Cook, W. F. Stirewelder, D. L. Barnhardt, J. H. Dennis, W. W. Whitaker, D. W. Palmer, W. M. Cruse, J. A. Howard, Bynum Span, Mrs. J. L. Fink.

HONOR ROLL FOR BETHEL SCHOOL.

First Grade: Lenna Baker, Pearl Baker, Glimmer King, Aline Morrison.
Second Grade: Tom Blackwelder, Joe Bost, Kendall Eaves, Gussie Morrison.

Third Grade: Ralph Early, Joe Lank Black.

Fourth Grade: Ruth Eudy, Inez Measamer, William McAnulty, Leitha Black, Loma Clay.

Fifth Grade: Farrel Tally, Marvin King, Brady Pape.

Sixth Grade: Early Clay, Dexter Hough, Blanch Baker, Ora Morrison, Ethel Eudy Stanley Messimer.

Seventh Grade: Gladycy Morrison, Eldice Pope.

C. R. Andrews, principal, Nell Barrett, Assistant, Maude Hostettler, Assistant.

"I am just back from Indiana," said Senator John W. Kern, of that State, to a couple of his colleagues, a few days since. "I went back to spend the holidays with the home folks. While there I talked over the preparedness program with the people there and a canvass was made of the subject in three or four towns. I found sentiment overwhelmingly against the program of the President. There is no question the middle west does not warm up much on this proposition."

69 Lynchings in 1915.
During 1915 there were 69 lynchings in the United States, 55 negroes and 14 white persons. Of the above number 18 occurred in Georgia. By states as follows: Alabama, 9, Arkansas and Florida five each, Georgia, 18, Illinois 1, Kentucky 5, Louisiana 2, Mississippi 9, Missouri 2, Ohio 1, Oklahoma 3, South Carolina 1, Texas 5, Virginia 1—the lynching recently at the Hopewell fire.

Box Supper.

There will be a box supper given at Wincoff High School Friday night, Jan. 28, the proceeds of which are to be used for school improvements.

The first thing on the program will be an "Old Time Spelling Match" Webster's "Old Blue Back Spelling Book" will be used, and everybody is invited to take part in the spelling. Parents are urged to be present, and take part in the spelling, and at the same time see how well their children can spell.

The public is cordially invited to be present. All the ladies will please bring a box.

Miss Anne Harvie Dead.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 20.—Miss Anne Harvie, daughter of Gen. Jaqueline Burwell Harvie, who married Mary, the eldest daughter of Chief Justice John Marshall, died here last night of old age.

MR. EUGENE MARTIN HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

Negro Attempts to Murder Him in His Cafe.—Mr. Martin Defends Himself With Pistol.

Saturday afternoon about four o'clock, Walter Christian and Cleet Miller, the two negro cooks at the New South Cafe, became engaged in a quarrel in the kitchen. Mr. Eugene Martin, one of the proprietors went to the kitchen and told them to keep quiet. Miller armed with a coca cola bottle and a butcher knife remarked "I'll stick this knife through you." Mr. Martin ran to the cash drawer and seizing an old model, U. S. 38 caliber pistol, leaped over the counter to avoid the negro's rush. The negro threw the bottle, which missed Mr. Martin's head, and crashed through one of the plate glass windows in front of the cafe.

Mr. Martin then opened fire on the negro, who made his exit through the kitchen. The gun being an old model, and not used for some time, snapped. The chambers contained only three cartridges and only two were fired. One striking a pan on the stove and the other lodging in the kitchen door. The negro ran down Union street where he was caught by Mr. Charlie Isenhour, and held until an officer arrived.

Miller was sentenced to 12 months on the county chain-gang, in the police court this morning.

Commander Cooke Weeps as he Passes Injured Men.

New York, Jan. 29.—Five survivors of the fatal explosion on the submarine E-2 told their stories to the naval court of inquiry today all were emphatic in their declarations that there was no one smoking at the time of the explosion. The men, swathed from head to foot and with only their eyes and mouth visible through slits in the bandages, were in a yard at the Cumberland street hospital.

Lieutenant Charles M. Cooke, commander of the E-2 wept as he passed among them, and each patient assured the commander that he did not consider himself responsible.

The men are suffering from burns, but it is believed all will recover. They could tell nothing as to what happened on the craft after the explosion as all were rendered insensible, and their recital provided no information except that there was a blinding flash.

Convict Murders Chaingang Guard and Makes His Escape.

Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 20.—Will J. Hughes, alias Tom Odum, arrested in New Orleans last night at the instance of Spartanburg authorities is wanted here for the murder of a chaingang guard, Robert Stephens, on October 26, 1914. At that time Hughes was serving a life sentence for the murder of Copher H. Cox, whom he had killed a few months previously.

Hughes had been sent with other prisoners to repair a bridge in the suburbs of Spartanburg when he caught the captain of the gang off his guard and killed him with a shovel. Before leaving the scene he robbed the unconscious guard of his two pistols, \$40 in money and some of his clothing.

Governor Manning, at the request of the sheriff, of this county, it is understood to have forwarded tonight to the authorities of Louisiana requisition papers and if they are acted upon favorably Hughes will be brought here for trial.

Pittsburg to Hear First Speech on Preparedness.

Washington, Jan. 29.—President Wilson plans to speak in Pittsburg, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Des Moines and Dayton on the first trip he will take to lay his national defense program before the country. He expects to leave Washington January 28, and remain away one week.

Preliminary plans for the second trip to be made about the middle of next month, already are being considered. This journey probably will take the President as far west as Denver, and if possible he will swing through the south to stop at Birmingham and other cities.

Pittsburg will hear the first preparedness speech, Saturday, January 29.

Shoots Woman and Kills Himself.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 20.—Robert S. Fields, said to be the son of a prominent merchant of Amherst county, shot Mrs. Laura Bell just below the heart tonight, inflicting a probably fatal wound, then sent bullet through his own brain, dying instantly.

The health is very good at this writing in the neighborhood. We are glad to note this.

Miss Minnie Rowland and Miss Lizzie Hartsell visited Miss Dally Honeycutt Saturday.

Mr. John Teeter has bought him two fine mules, and is going into the farming business, right this year.

Everybody is preparing plenty of litter to make a lot of manure to use on their Spring crops for the guano will not be used very much if the price keeps on going up. The little farmers will not be able to reach it. Maybe it is used in the war, too.

The people are expecting to see harder times this summer than it was last, for everything seems to be going up in the line of living, but I hope it will be better, for the farming people are the mainspring in the running of the world, and they are bound down under the laws and have to pay heavy taxes and don't have any free privilege at home.

Sunday School is progressing nicely at Miami Baptist church, in No. 9.

Mr. James Rinehardt made a trip to Concord recently on business.

P. T. Rinehardt, and Jacob W. Hartsell, made a trip to Stanfield recently on business.

Mr. Jack Cox visited at Mr. J. D. Little's recently.

There was a fine birthday dinner at Mr. J. W. Hartsell's Friday, which was enjoyed by a number of friends and relatives, here.

Well, Venus, we have a forest pine stump that Mr. John Dry cut, for a center post in a merry-go-round about six years ago, and the stump is still green and growing, yet we also have a grape vine that measures ten inches in diameter, and is several hundred feet in length, and we have a briar that is over forty feet in length and is growing yet, and we have a lot more of curiosities for you to see, if you will give us a visit. We can show you the oldest and largest set of oak mill stones you ever saw, so get on your old mule and trot out an get your planting onions.

Mr. John Biggers is ill with pneumonia, at this writing, we are sorry to note.

The people are wearing their overcoats and sitting by the firesides along now, for the weather is cold.

SENTENCES IMPOSED IN CLEVELAND.

Shelby, Jan. 20.—In the Superior court which is being held here this week, there were only three confinement sentences passed. Isabella Smith, the negress who slashed her husband's throat about a month ago with a razor, was given five years in the state prison. Jim McDowell, who killed his foster son, near Waco, by beating him to death, was given three years in the state prison, and Erwin Smith, white, who made a secret assault of John R. Poston, near Waco, last week, was given two years on the chain gang.

The Christian Volunteers Inc., who have recently located a permanent work in this city at 93 Academy street, under the leadership of Major and Mrs. A. T. Andrews, wish it to be known that donations for the equipping of the Emergency Home amounted to \$55.00, given by several of the business houses. The organization has outlayed nearly treble this amount in the opening of the work here. The amount of good that will be accomplished depends entirely upon the aid and interest shown by the citizens here, or in other words, to be a successful issue, it must have the co-operation of all right-thinking persons of the community, open air, and other services will be conducted daily, weather permitting, with Adjutant and Mrs. Leslie Herlan assisting until the work is firmly established in our midst. The organization will endeavor to care for all emergency cases until better arrangements can be made by adoption or otherwise.

John Henry Stiefel Dead.
Shelby, Jan. 20.—John Henry Stiefel, age 63 years, died here of paralysis Tuesday at noon, following an attack which he suffered the day before Mr. Stiefel came to Shelby with his wife nearly two years ago from Etonton, Ga., and had made a host of friends during his residence in Shelby. His remains were carried this morning to Concord where the interment took place.

Senate Adjourns Until Monday.

Washington, Jan. 20.—In order to permit the committee to work steadily on the preparation of legislation, the senate adjourned tonight until Monday. This course was decided on at conference of administration senators.